

(4) urges all parties to the conflicts in the Republic of Georgia and governments around the world to eschew rhetoric that escalates tensions and undermines efforts to negotiate a settlement to the conflicts.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 63—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH INTO THE CHRONIC NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION HYDROCEPHALUS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. CON. RES. 63

Whereas hydrocephalus is a serious neurological condition, characterized by the abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluids in the ventricles of the brain;

Whereas there is no known cure for hydrocephalus;

Whereas hydrocephalus affects an estimated 1,000,000 Americans;

Whereas 1 or 2 in every 1,000 babies are born with hydrocephalus;

Whereas over 375,000 older Americans have hydrocephalus, which often goes undetected or is misdiagnosed as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or Parkinson's disease;

Whereas, with appropriate diagnosis and treatment, people with hydrocephalus are able to live full and productive lives;

Whereas the standard treatment for hydrocephalus was developed in 1952, and carries multiple risks including shunt failure, infection, and overdrainage;

Whereas there are fewer than 10 centers in the United States specializing in the treatment of adults with normal pressure hydrocephalus;

Whereas, each year, the people of the United States spend in excess of \$1,000,000,000 to treat hydrocephalus;

Whereas a September 2005 conference sponsored by 7 institutes of the National Institutes of Health—"Hydrocephalus: Myths, New Facts, Clear Directions"—resulted in efforts to initiate new, collaborative research and treatment efforts; and

Whereas the Hydrocephalus Association is one of the Nation's oldest and largest patient and research advocacy and support networks for individuals suffering from hydrocephalus: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

(1) Congress commends the Director of the National Institutes of Health for working with leading scientists and researchers to organize the first-ever National Institutes of Health conference on hydrocephalus; and

(2) it is the sense of Congress that—

(A) the Director of the National Institutes of Health should continue the current collaboration with respect to hydrocephalus among the National Eye Institute, the National Human Genome Research Institute, the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the National Institute on Aging, and the Office of Rare Diseases;

(B) further research into the epidemiology, pathophysiology, disease burden, and improved treatment of hydrocephalus should be conducted or supported; and

(C) public awareness and professional education regarding hydrocephalus should in-

crease through partnerships between the Federal Government and patient advocacy organizations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 64—COMMENDING THE ALASKA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FOR ITS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 64

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry of the Alaska Army National Guard deployment of almost 600 Alaskans was the largest deployment of the Alaska National Guard since World War II;

Whereas the Alaskans of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry came from 80 different communities across Alaska;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry included 75 soldiers from New York, Mississippi, Illinois, Georgia and Puerto Rico;

Whereas the 586 soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry were mobilized in July of 2006 and deployed to Camp Shelby, Mississippi;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry was deployed to Camp Navstar and Camp Buehring in Northern Kuwait;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry courageously performed route and perimeter security missions, mounted combat patrols and inspections and searches of vehicles going into Iraq from Kuwait, among other assignments;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry, over the course of 15 months in Kuwait and Iraq, inspected and searched over 30,000 semi-trucks;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry designed all force protection plans in northern Kuwait;

Whereas the families of the members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry have provided unwavering support while waiting patiently for their loved ones to return;

Whereas the employers of members and family members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry have displayed patriotism over profit, by keeping positions saved for the returning soldiers and supporting the families during the difficult days of this long deployment, and these employers are great corporate citizens through their support of members of the Armed Forces and their family members;

Whereas the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry has performed admirably and courageously; gaining the gratitude and respect of Alaskans and all Americans; and

Whereas members of the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry received 7 Bronze Stars, 23 Meritorious Service Medals, 142 Army Commendations and more than 200 Army Achievement Medals for their outstanding service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) commends the 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry of the Alaska Army National Guard upon its completion of deployment and brave service to the Commonwealth of Alaska and the citizens of the United States; and

(2) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard for appropriate display.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3884. Mr. REID (for Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 924, to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program.

SA 3885. Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1784, to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

SA 3886. Mr. REID (for Mr. COBURN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3885 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY) to the bill S. 1784, *supra*.

SA 3887. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2640, to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes.

SA 3888. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3890, of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes.

SA 3889. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3890, *supra*.

SA 3890. Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3997, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections for military personnel, and for other purposes.

SA 3891. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ENZI)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1974, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

SA 3892. Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3432, to establish the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3884. Mr. REID (for Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 924, to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program; as follows:

On page 15, strike the matter between lines 15 and 16 and insert the following:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Procurement structure.
- Sec. 3. Alternatives Analysis.
- Sec. 4. Certification.
- Sec. 5. Contract requirements.
- Sec. 6. Improvements in Coast Guard management.
- Sec. 7. Department of Defense Consultation.
- Sec. 8. Procurement and report requirements.
- Sec. 9. GAO review and recommendations.
- Sec. 10. Inspector General review of Deepwater program.
- Sec. 11. Definitions.

On page 16, line 2, insert "more than 90 days" after "Program".

On page 16, line 9, strike "Act." and insert "Act, unless otherwise excepted in accordance with the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 and the Federal Acquisition Regulations."

On page 16, line 17, insert "that is 90 days after the date" after "date".

On page 16, line 20, insert "after the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act of, or in support" after "procurements".

On page 16, strike line 21, and insert the following: